

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER
OCTOBER 18, 2023**

ITEM 8

SUBJECT

PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY HANDBOOK.

DISCUSSION

The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) has developed a draft Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH) which will replace existing cross-connection control regulations in CCR Title 17. The development of the CCCPH has included two public comment periods. DDW has responded to all the comments made during those public comment periods and revised the CCCPH as necessary. This workshop will provide the public with an opportunity to express any final comments regarding the CCCPH.

DDW expects to bring the CCCPH to the Board for adoption in December 2023, assuming that no new major comments are introduced during this workshop that need addressing.

POLICY ISSUE

Existing cross-connection control regulations were adopted in the 1980s, have not been substantially revised, and are now inadequate to address current cross-connection control concerns. Assembly Bills 1671 (2017) and 1180 (2019) authorized the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to replace existing cross-connection control regulations in CCR Title 17 with a policy handbook. The CCCPH better-defines and increases the scope of cross-connection control programs for California's public water systems through requirements for cross-connection control plans, more robust assessments of hazards, more detailed requirements for installation of backflow prevention assemblies, and notification to the State Water Board when a backflow incident is suspected.

The CCCPH also requires public water systems to use certified individuals to perform certain actions as part of the cross-connection control plan. The CCCPH defines the criteria for organizations that perform that certification, including testing, revocation, and recertification requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is anticipated at this time - workshop only.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.